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took them to the NEWS and DJB went to the Post Office and mailed them. At the meeting on the 18th, DJB reported that several of the people who were sent these letters had already sent in a contribution. Excellent. I will have to mail out hundreds of letters to people and ask them straight out for a contribution. On Saturday morning I woke up to find out that it had snowed about six inches in the night and that it was still snowing. The temperature was in the 40s and so I decided to set out for Jermyn and that is what I did. I met Tomaine at Rossi's (I believe that is the name of the place) and we had coffee--he had pancakes as well. He decided that we would go in his car and that was fine with me. We put my car in the bank parking lot and off we went to see WEJL. Driving was bad but not impossible. All the way down we chatted about what we would say and we parked in the Globe Parking Lot and went directly into the TIMES office and up to the fourth floor and into an office, the first one we came to and I told the young woman at the desk that I was interested in speaking with someone about Action Line or is it called Issue Line. At any rate, she pointed to the fellow who was sitting at her desk and he is the person who runs the program that is he is the person who does the show. He is named Chuck Sibertsen. I did my pitch and he listened quietly for about 10 minutes and then I didn't know whether or not he was interested or not and then he said, out of the blue, that the issues at question deserved much more than Issue Line could offer and suggested that we be on the air for two hours on two separate occasions: once around April 1 and once around August 10 and that is excellent. We (the Committee) would be on from 10 A.M. to 12 P.M. The person who runs that 2-hour show is named Barney Stone and his number is 356-6555. We are to call about three weeks before air day and make the arrangements. We are to speak with either Barney Stone or with the Public Service Director, Kurt Brown (call around 6 P.M. on weekdays). WEJL is presently in the throes of a "NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA IS SOMEPLACE SPECIAL TO WEJL" and so they are very receptive to the idea of our appearing on the show. We also ran into a Gene Free (140 Dundaff Street, Carbondale) who knows Tomaine and he is pro-Carbondale and is interested in getting involved with the Committee, dit-il. I will have to prepare a text on "Carbondale is someplace special to WEJL" that can be used on the air, perhaps. They have sign boards in the area of AMES plaza that say "Carbondale is someplace special to WEJL" and there seems to be an awakening interest in Northeastern Pennsylvania on the part of many. Tomaine and I rode back to Jermyn and all the way back we discussed how much we had accomplished. We went there asking for one thing and were given four times more than we had hoped to get. It was all very gratifying and satisfying. Tomaine was practically speechless he was so overwhelmed by what we had done. When we arrived back in Jermyn we discussed plans for the "Anthracite Express"--the steam engine proposal that we (Tomaine and I) are planning on for Pioneer Days as a fund raising activity. Tomaine tried to get the Bicentennial Committee to get the train in 1976 and they were not interested and I find that hard to believe. It seems like it should be the very best idea. The train will leave from the Hudson yards near Wilkes-Barre and travel to Carbondale through the densest area of population in northeastern Pennsylvania. George Hart of the PHMC takes care of all the arrangements and all we do is get the tickets printed and promote the event. George Hart is the one who runs the Honesdale foliage trains and he is in charge of the canals and railroads of the PHMC. He is in charge of the Strasburg Railroad says Tomaine. Tomaine had dealings with this man in 1976 and will write him and see what we can get going. I dropped off some CRCCH stationery at the Tomaine insurance place across from the BBC and Tomaine will have written a letter by the meeting of the Committee on the 4th of March, I hope. At Rossi's I

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had a sausage hoagie and it was OK and we talked more and more about the "Anthracite Express" as I think it should be called. I left and drove to Carbondale and went to the NORTHEASTERN BANK and had a two hour chat with Frank Hopkins. He told me that I have been doing a great deal of good for Carbondale and congratulated me on all that I have done and I felt good about that. We chatted for about two hours and somehow we both knew that I was there to find out if the position as head of the Chamber of Commerce was available and he never brought up those words. He reported that a secretary of the C of C had just been hired and I told him that I was interested in relocating in Carbondale but that I had to have a job before I would do so. We chatted about local pride and about City Hall and about Fairchild-Weston and about Carbondale and I made it clear that I was interested in Carbondale and in promoting Carbondale and in the future of Carbondale. Tomaine tells me that the C of C will move into the City Hall once the Comm D office is closed and that is good news. I would like to be in charge of the C of C office in City Hall and live there at the same time. The visit was very useful in that he knows what I am interested in doing and he knows more about me as an individual and I'm sure he must be impressed with me after the two hour visit that we had. I went from there to the NEWS and congratulated Phil Heth on the "Progress" edition and he was pleased to hear me publicly congratulate him. DJB said that we should get together later in the evening and said he would come out to the Homestead and I said that I would come into town and that is what I did. It was still snowing and I parked the car at 9 P.M. on Washington Street at the intersection of Salem and walked up to 58 Wayne Street (fourth house on the left above the tracks) and it was not far to walk at all. DJB was graciousness itself. He took my coat. There was a fire in the fireplace. Offered me a beer, which I accepted. We then counted the raffle money and came up with \$1,070 and the widow Martzen will be pleased to receive her \$535.00. I told DJB about the Anthracite Express and about the WEJL visit and he was pleased. We had a very pleasant three hours talking about the Committee and about DJB and about SRP. He spoke rather frankly about Phil Heth and what it was like working for him. DJB and I went through the brown record bag that DBJ has been keeping of all CRCCH papers and I took all of the papers and all of the ticket stubs and will make a file of all the names and addresses of the purchasers of the raffle tickets and of the people who have made contributions to the restoration fund. At about midnight I left and walked down the hill and drove home. The driveway was slippery and I could not get the car in the garage--I almost ran into the garage when stopped to open the door--and so I left it out and left a note for WSP explaining that I couldn't get the car in the garage. When I awoke on Saturday morning the car was in the garage, as I knew it would be. Also on Saturday A.M. WSP asked the driveway so as to prevent further slipping about. Also on Saturday A.M. I prepared to do errands and asked HLRP, who said that she had errands to do, if she would like to go along and do her errands. She was delighted to go. We went to the Post Office to mail a few letters, to Tomaine's to drop off stationery, to the Bank to drop off a SPI deposit, to the Goodwill Store on South Main Street to leave off some lamps and plastic flowers and clothes and such. We parked in the lot at Mister Donut and HLRP and I went into the Goodwill store and I introduced her to JVB's mother (Connie ?) and they had a pleasant chat while I looked over the tie selection. I heard Mrs. Buberniak say to HLRP how much JVB admired and respected me and that was pleasant to hear. We left Goodwill and drove to the lamp store on the C'dale Highway and then went to Jewelcor so that HLRP could get a lamp, which she did, and then to Penney's where I tried to get some socks and didn't but I did buy a brown and black shoulder bag, we